

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2025 6:00 P.M. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel, John Halverson.

Absent: Sonja Akright and Ja Nelle Powers.

Approval of minutes: The September 9th Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was cancelled, so there are no minutes from that meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Dave and Tika Kupets, (312) 246-9348, attended our meeting. They are concern about the stone entrance gates at Ceylon Court, (former Maytag Estate) which are in poor condition. Asking if there is anything we can do to help restore them.

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and the Maple Park Homeowners' Association and updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic Districts. No "Tuesdays @ Two" until next Spring. Parade of Christmas Trees November 22nd --January 5th 2026. New regulations pertaining to short term rentals are working in the right direction.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library and Badger High School. No Black Point programs at Library for now, or at Badger High School. Black Point will be closing for the season at the end of October.

Updates on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. No programs at Geneva Stage for now. Work is being done on a historic theater organ.

Review of the current 2025 Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and recent bills, invoices, and payments. Our current balance is \$5,699.68. New budget not finalized yet.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including repairs at Oak Hill Cemetery office and Eduard Babayev's New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. No new information.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey, the Hillmoor Commission, the ongoing work at the Hillmoor property, and the status of the grant for the proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Conflict about borders around Hillmoor. Considering new projects for the property. Public Works

continues to make progress clearing overgrown brush and removing invasive plants along HWY 50 frontage.

Update regarding the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 -- Historic Preservation Ordinance, creation of a new Local Historic Landmark Application Form, and the status of nomination applications for buildings such as the Lake Geneva Public Library and The Riviera as Local Historic Landmarks. Also review of our status as a Certified Local Government. When people come to City Hall concerning demolition of a building they need to bring a Certification of Appropriateness, need certificate to help prevent demolition and also to help local government make a decision.

Ongoing discussion regarding the repair and / or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs,
the proposed new Haskins / Crawford historical sign, the Lake Geneva Sanitariums sign, a potential Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee, and changes to the Sign Ordinance. The original idea was to place sign somewhere between the edge of Haskins Street and the old barn and silo foundations. The Beautification Committee needs to have a survey done before they can place a sign near the mill pond.

Update regarding the status of the Three Graces statue and the 3-D scan of the Three Graces statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois, the latest City funding information, and the future plans and options for repair and / or replacement of the Three Graces statue. No new information.

Status of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$300.68 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. No new information.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding reactivation and website revisions, and discussions with Jeff Miskie. Renee Hanlon will help with a website.

Discussion regarding adding a picture of Holy Communion Episcopal Church to display of National & State Historic Buildings in City Hall lobby. Eighth building in Lake Geneva to become a National / State Historic building.

Update on the status of the I-phone app and Android app for A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including who to contact regarding reactivation of I-phone and Android apps, and discussion on how to better promote the apps. No new information.

Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at Visit Lake Geneva /

Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community. No new information.

Review of any new information from Jason Tish at the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. No new information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted, Louise M. Rayppy